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## **Busiest August on record for BAA airports**

In August, BAA's UK airports achieved 3.7% growth on last year despite BA's operational problems. This meant that a total of 14.2 million passengers used the airports in August, making it the busiest August on record.

Among key markets, European scheduled traffic growth was strong at all airports and in total was up by 8.3%. North Atlantic activity rose by 4.5% while traffic on other long haul routes was 9.0% up on last August. European charter traffic was again the weakest sector, experiencing an 11.2% decrease in August, following a 6.2% drop in July.

Of the individual airports, Heathrow's traffic grew 2.0%, Gatwick grew 2.1% despite the decline in charter traffic. Stansted recorded a 9.4% gain and Southampton an 8.4% increase.

The Scottish airports recorded a 6.1% gain with Glasgow up by 4.4% and Edinburgh by 7.8%. Aberdeen continued its recent recovery with a 7.5% increase.

In total the number of air transport movements handled at BAA's airports was up by 2.9%. Cargo growth continued its recent strong recovery with an overall increase of 10.8% in tonnage handled. Heathrow's growth was again in double figures adding 12.9%.

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**BAA Traffic Summary: August 2004** 

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Terminal		%	Fin year to date:	%	12 months to	; %
Passengers (000s)	Month	Change*	Apr to Aug 04	Change**	Aug 04	Change***
Heathrow	6,310.7	2.0	29,885.7	8.4	66,589.4	6.3
Gatwick	3,697.3	2.1	15,354.1	4.7	30,747.7	2.7
Stansted	2,164.1	9.4	9,474.9	13.0	20,501.8	16.2
London Area Total	12,172.1	3.3	54,714.7	8.1	117,838.9	6.9
Southampton	152.0	8.4	689.8	16.5	1,470.7	43.7
Glasgow	870.5	4.4	4,144.0	5.5	8,362.0	3.8
Edinburgh	773.1	7.8	3,619.7	7.8	7,840.5	7.3
Aberdeen	241.9	7.5	1,171.3	4.9	2,586.7	2.0
Scottish Total	1,885.5	6.1	8,935.0	6.3	18,789.2	5.0
BAA Total	14,209.6	3.7	64,339.5	8.0	138,098.9	6.9

Air Transport		%	Fin year to date:	%	12 months to	%
Movements	Month	Change*	Apr to Aug 04	Change**	Aug 04	Change***
Heathrow	40,558	1.3	199,779	3.8	468,140	2.5
Gatwick	24,218	1.3	110,153	3.5	237,980	0.4
Stansted	16,243	_3.1	77,280	4.5	176,589	5.3
London Area Total	81,019	1.6	387,212	3.9	882,709	2.5
Southampton	3,388	3.5	16,032	7.0	36,096	18.8
Glasgow	8,535	4.3	41,775	4.6	90,778	2.4
Edinburgh	9,825	8.3	48,594	8.2	111,368	5.6
Aberdeen	7,216	7.9	35,167	3.8	80,365	1.0
Scottish Total	25,576	6.9	125,536	5.7	282,511	3.2
BAA Total	109,983	2.9	528,780	4.4	1,201,316	3.1

Cargo		%	Fin year to date:	%	12 months to	%
(Metric Tonnes)	Month	Change*	Apr to Aug 04	Change**	Aug 04	Change***
Heathrow	106,472	12.9	551,635	11.2	1,283,835	4.2
Gatwick	16,727	-6.5	87,430	-4.2	219,582	-4.8
Stansted	17,247	19.4	91,580	17.2	221,686	14.3
London Area Total	140,446	10.9	730,645	9.8	1,725,103	4.1
Southampton	24	0.0	118	-22.4	283	-21.1
Glasgow	888	32.7	3,897	39.1	6,891	33.0
Edinburgh	1,916	-1.7	11,041	5.4	26,471	9.6
Aberdeen	307	-1.0	1,570	3.1	3,584	2.7
Scottish Total	3,111	6.3	16,508	11.6	36,946	12.6
BAA Total	143,581	10.8	747,271	9.8	1762,332	4.3

Above data excludes Air Taxi passengers and Air Taxi movements.

\* compared to the month of August 2003

<sup>\*\*</sup> compared to the five months April to August 2003

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> compared to the twelve months to August 2003

## Market Comparison: August 2004

Market	BAA Total Aug 03	BAA Total Aug 04	
Market	(000s)	_	% Change
Domestic	2,311	2,393	3.5
Eire	627	614	-2.1
European Scheduled	5,140	5,566	8.3
European Charter*	2,028	1,801	-11.2
North Atlantic	1,820	1,902	4.5
Other Long Haul	1,775	1,934	9.0
Total	13,701	14,210	3.7

<sup>\*</sup> includes North African Charter

Note: Origins and destinations are classified according to ultimate origin or destination of aircraft in the case of multi sector flights

Note: Figures for the market sectors have been rounded. Totals as per Traffic Summary.

